Shiloh
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For our sermon text today, let's please read Genesis 49:8-10:

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9 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?
10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

Genesis chapters 48 and 49 are very interesting chapters.
Jacob was about 147 years of age (Genesis 47:28).
In Genesis chapter 48 Jacob prophetically blesses Ephraim and Manasseh, the two sons of Joseph.
He told Joseph that God would take the people back to Canaan (Genesis 48:21).

Then in Genesis chapter 49 Jacob gathers his sons and begins to prophesy about what will befall them "*in the last days*", the end of times.

Genesis 49:1-2
1 And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:
2 "Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, And listen to Israel your father.

Interestingly, he refers to them as sons of Jacob and Israel - using both his natural and God-given names.

Jacob spoke over Reuben, Simeon and Levi and then prophesied over Judah. The text we just read is what he said over Judah:

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Vs 8
You are he whom your brothers shall praise.
Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies.
Your brothers shall bow before you.

Judah means "praised" or "celebrated" because of his ability to conquer his enemies. He will be praised, honored, celebrated, and respected.

Vs 9
Judah is then compared to a lion.

(Easy to Read Version) Judah is like a young lion. My son, you are like a lion standing over the animal it killed. Like a lion, Judah lies down to rest, and no one is brave enough to disturb him.

Vs 10

In the backdrop of verses 9-10, Jacob prophesies very clearly about the Messiah about 1600 years before Jesus came. He then went on to about Judah's material prosperity. FYI (Not for sermon) - Binding his donkey to the vine: This blessing also contains a description of Judah's material abundance (the vine . . . the choice vine). Judah's land was great wine-growing country.

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He prophesied that Judah would be the tribe that would provide Israel's RULER (KING) and LAWGIVER (JUDGE), until SHILOH comes.

(Bible in Basic English) The rod of authority will not be taken from Judah, and he will not be without a law-giver, till he comes who has the right to it, and the peoples will put themselves under his rule.

(Message Bible) The scepter shall not leave Judah; he'll keep a firm grip on the command staff Until the ultimate ruler comes and the nations obey him.

The prophesy began to be fulfilled about 640 years later, starting with king David, the first king from Judah. From David until the Herods, a prince of Judah was head over Israel (even Daniel in captivity). The promise was that Israel would keep this scepter until Shiloh comes.

JESUS IS SHILOH!

Jesus is the fulfillment of verses Genesis 49:8-10.

Jesus came as the One who has conquered His enemies.
Jesus is the One who is to be praised and celebrated.
Jesus is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).
And Jesus is SHILOH!

Jesus is referred to as Shiloh, the name meaning, “He whose right it is” and a title anciently understood to speak of the Messiah.

Shiloh
The exact etymology and meaning of the word "Shiloh" are not entirely clear.

“Shiloh” from its usage in this context has come to mean “he whose it is”, the One to whom this belongs. A Messianic title. JESUS IS SHILOH. HE IS THE KING AND JUDGE. THE RULER AND LAWGIVER! To Him belongs the scepter and staff of justice (or we would refer to the judge’s gavel – wooden hammer).

Some scholars suggest that it may be related to a root word meaning "to be at rest" or "to be tranquil". And hence the word “Shiloh” is also taken to mean “tranquillity”, literally meaning “to be at rest” or “to be tranquil”.

Side Journey – historical information
After the Israelites, under Joshua, came into Canaan, they setup camp, perhaps in the hills of Samaria, north of Jerusalem, and called the camp 'Shiloh'. They set up the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant here at Shiloh (Joshua 18:1) and it remained here for many centuried. From Shiloh, Joshua sent people to survey the rest of the land, and at Shiloh, before the Lord, Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel.

(Scripture passage for reference only. No need to read out)
Joshua 18:1,8-10
1 Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.

8 Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh."
9 So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.
10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

Shiloh eventually became a city in the land of Canaan (generally believed to be located in the hills of Samaria, north of Jerusalem). It became a major religious center, housing the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant for centuries. It served as a unifying symbol for the tribes and a center for religious worship. This Shiloh served as the central sanctuary for the Israelites during the period of the Judges (approximately 12th-11th centuries BCE).

We also know that at the end of the period of the Judges, while the boy Samuel was serving at the Tabernacle at Shiloh, under Eli the priest, that the Lord appeared to him there.

(Scripture passage for reference only. No need to read out)
1 Samuel 3:21
Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

Unfortunately, the city was later destroyed by the Philistines around 11th Century BC (1100 BC), marking a significant turning point in Israelite history.

WORSHIP JESUS!
In these three verses in Genesis 49:8-10, we see so much about Jesus.
Jesus came as the One who has conquered His enemies.
Jesus is the One who is to be praised and celebrated.
Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah.
Jesus is Shiloh, the King and Judge.
And Jesus is the One who brings rest, peace, and tranquility.

Reflect on how Jesus fulfilled each of these in His Incarnation:

Jesus came as the One who has conquered His enemies (Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 2:14).

Jesus is the One who is to be praised and celebrated (Philippians 2:9-11).

Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).

Jesus is Shiloh, the King and Judge (Isaiah 33:22; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; Revelation 1:5).

And Jesus is the One who brings rest, peace, and tranquility (Matthew 11:28; John 14:27; John 16:33).

SHILOH IS COMING AGAIN!

There is a part of this verse that is yet to be fulfilled.

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

Jesus is coming again to literally rule and reign on the earth and the nations shall obey His rule (Daniel 7:13-14,27; Revelation 20:4)

Close with a time of celebration and worship of Jesus.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME
Minister as the Spirit leads

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation
To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome
The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word
Read the following Scripture references: *Genesis 49:8-10*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together
Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

A, Reflect and celebrate Jesus for who He is revealed to be in these three verses in Genesis 49:8-10:
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If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey
Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another
Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:
1, families to be protected and strengthened
2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.
YOUTUBE: https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore
WEBSITE: https://apcwo.org/live

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CHURCH: https://apcwo.org
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SERMON OUTLINE

About 1600 years before the birth of Jesus, Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, prophesied in Genesis 49:8-10 about the coming of One from the tribe of Judah, whom Jacob referred to as Shiloh. In this sermon we consider Jesus and who He is, in the fulfillment of Shiloh, whom Jacob foretold:
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